GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EX-SERVICEMEN COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has contemplated to open a department for Ex-Servicemen under the Ministry of Defence and also to set up an Ex-Servicemen Commission to recommend welfare scheme for Ex-Servicemen and their families;and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE(SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) & (b): The Government has set up a Department of Ex-servicemen under Ministry of Defence w.e.f. 22.9.04 to give focused attention towards welfare of Ex-servicemen and their families.The issue regarding setting up of an Ex-servicemen Commission was recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Defence in its 20th report of 2003 and 4th Report of 2005.The matter was considered but the recommendation was not accepted as a number of bodies such as Directorate General Resettlement and Kendriya Sainik Board at the Centre and Rajya Sainik Boards at the State Level already exist to undertake welfare schemes for the Ex-servicemen including their families.